

International Society of Nephrology

Nominating Committee for Sydney Congress Elections

Michael Dunn (Milwaukee) chairs the Nominating Committee for the 1997 ISN elections in Sydney. According to the revised ISN Constitution each continent has a representative on the Nominating Committee: Michael Dunn (North America), Nestor Schorr (Latin America), Michele Goldman (Europe), Rashad Barsoum (Africa) and Hai-Yan Wang (Asia). The Committee will recommend to the ISN Council and membership names for the President-elect, Vice President, Treasurer, four departing European Councilors, one departing North American Councilor and two departing Asian Councilors. No Councilors from Latin America are leaving the Council in Sydney. Councilors, the Treasurer, and the Secretary General serve three two-year terms; other officers serve one two-year term. The membership is asked to submit names to Dr. Dunn, University Hospitals, 2074 Abington Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 for consideration for these positions.

Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1994 is included in the annual 1994 dues of US \$120.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. C. Craig Tisher, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, P.O. Box J-231, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, 1600 SW Archer Rd., University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32610, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Tisher along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of \$120.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

ISN World Wide Web Page

The ISN Computerized Information Committee co-chaired by Drs. Kim Solez (Edmonton) and Zal Agus (Philadelphia) is maintaining and updating the ISN Home Page on the World Wide Web. This Home Page describes ISN programs, lists officers, councilors and members of the Commission for Developing Countries, and supplies general information regarding ISN membership and subscription to *Kidney International*. The uniform resource locators (URLs) for the Web Page are: **Europe:** <http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p0035.htm> **North America:** <http://synapse.uah.ualberta.ca/synapse/000p0035.htm>. Material from the Madrid International Congress is available using the URL <http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p049x.htm>

ISN Sponsorship of Meetings

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, workshops, and conferences held independently of the International Congress of Nephrology to apply to hold these meetings under the auspices of ISN.

In general, such an arrangement does not include an offer of financial support on the part of ISN. In special cases, however, the Society may be able to offer seed money.

Organizers who wish to apply to hold their meetings under the auspices of the Society should include the following information in their applications:

1. Topic and purpose of meeting.
2. Location and date of meeting.
3. Names of members of scientific organizing committee.
4. Names of co-sponsors and sources of financial support.
5. Names and topics of invited speakers.
6. Statement regarding whether or not free communications will be sought.

Applications will not be accepted from organizers of regularly, or routinely, scheduled regional, national, or international meetings.

Applications should be submitted to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Secretary General, Academic Medical Ctr., Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Publications and announcements of meetings held under ISN's auspices should include the statement of acknowledgement: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will

not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Robert W. Schrier, M.D., University of Colorado School of Medicine, 4200 E. 9th Avenue, Box B178, Denver, CO 80262, USA. Tel: (303) 270-7765/Fax: (303) 270-7702.

ISN Archives

Dr. Carl Gottschalk has accepted the responsibility to establish an Archive of the International Society of Nephrology. The Archive will consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society. Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the development and evolution of the ISN will be assembled in the Archive.

Members of the ISN or other readers of *Kidney International* having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Gottschalk at the following address: Carl W. Gottschalk, M.D., Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine CB 7155, University of North Carolina, School of Medicine at Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, USA.

MEETINGS

The 2nd International Congress on Dialysis will be held October 2–5, 1996 in Singapore. Sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Singapore, this Congress provides a unique opportunity for a truly multidisciplinary discussion and exchange of views involving nurses, physicians, technicians, psychosocial specialists, dietitians, and industry specialists. Current practices of dialysis will be appraised and processes and outcome standards will be set for the future. Ten plenary and over 50 symposia lectures will be presented by an eminent faculty. Members of the faculty will also moderate at daily roundtable sessions. There will be many opportunities for industry to participate in the Congress. An exhibition on renal care products and services will be held during the Congress. In addition, the Scientific Program includes a daily round-up session where independent experts will assess and report on what the industry is offering at the commercial exhibition. For further information contact The National Kidney Foundation, 81 Kim Keat Road, Singapore 328836. Telephone: (65) 299 0200; FAX: (65) 299 3164.

The 7th International Congress of Bone Morphometry will be held October 6–10, 1996 in Baia Di Conte, Alghero, Sardinia. Major topics will include: bone metabolism and its local and systemic controls; bone architecture, structure, and quality; bone diseases and their treatment; bone substitutes and prostheses in orthopedic and oral surgery. For further information contact Hartmut H. Malluche, M.D., Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, International Society of Bone Morphometry, 1521 Shannon Run Road, Versailles, Kentucky 40383, USA. Telephone: (606) 323-5049; FAX: (606) 257-1052.

The 8th International Symposium of Nephrology at Montecatini will be held on October 7–9, 1996 in Montecatini Terme, Italy. This year's Symposium, titled "Progression of Renal Disease: Evaluation, Growth Factors and Other Mechanisms" is devoted to exploring the role of growth factors, proteinuria, tubular hypermetabolism, pressure and other mechanisms in the patho-

genesis of chronic renal disease. Advances in assessment of kidney function in chronic renal disease will also be considered. Deadline for abstracts is June 15, 1996. For further information contact Claudio Bianchi, M.D., Professor of Nephrology, Unità di Nefrologia, Clinica Medica 2, University of Pisa, 56100 Pisa, Italy. Telephone: 39 50 592573; FAX: 39 50 553414.

The International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism will hold its 8th International Congress on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease in Castel dell'Ovo, Naples, Italy on October 9–12, 1996. The program contains state of the art lectures, symposium, free communication presentations and a poster session. Deadline for abstract submission is June 8, 1996. For information contact Professor Natale DeSanto, Cattedra di Nefrologia, Seconda Università di Napoli, Via Sergio Pansini 5, Padiglione 17, Napoli, Italy.

The 10th Argentinian National Congress of Nephrology will be held at Bariloche, Rio Negro, Argentina on October 10–22, 1996. For further information contact Dr. Guillermo Long, Secretary, Argentinian Society of Nephrology, Paraguay 2517, Dpto. 3, (1425) Capital Federal, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Telephone: 963-7123; FAX: 961-4437.

The 10th International Conference on Psychonephrology will be held in New York City, USA on October 18–20, 1996. The latest psychosocial and ethical developments in understanding and care of patients on forms of dialysis and recipients of renal transplants will be discussed in plenary sessions, small group meetings and Free Communications. Abstract deadline is August 1, 1996. Topics will include: patient's perception of care, the national political agenda and its impact on delivery of services, rationing medical care, short-term limited psychotherapy for patients with renal failure, spirituality, non-compliance for patients with renal failure, and a debate on the rationing of nephrological treatment. For further information, contact Norman B. Levy, M.D., Director, C/L & Emergency Services, Department of Psychiatry, Coney Island Hospital, 2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11235, USA. Telephone: (718) 616-5331; FAX: (718) 616-5314.

The 1st Slovene Congress of Nephrology will be held October 23–26, 1996 in Portorož, Slovenia. Topics will include: glomerular diseases, arterial hypertension, noninvasive assessment of renal disease and kidney biopsy, treatment with erythropoietin, clinical nephrology, replacement therapy with dialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and kidney transplantation. The deadline for abstracts is May 15, 1996. For further information contact I. Slovene Congress of Nephrology Organizing Committee, Department of Nephrology, University Medical Centre, Zaloška 7, 61000 Ljubljana, Slovenia. Telephone: 386 61 324 973; FAX: 386 61 13 22 077.

New Developments in the Pathogenesis and Treatment of NIDDM, a conference sponsored by the American Diabetes Association of Arizona and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, will be held November 1–3, 1996 in Scottsdale, Arizona. The conference will feature presentations by internationally recognized experts who will review recent advances in the epidemiology, pathogenesis and treatment of NIDDM. Highlights will include sessions on the genetics of NIDDM, the roles of insulin resistance and insulin secretory defects in the pathogenesis of NIDDM, prospects for prevention of NIDDM, and lessons learned from the UK Prospective Diabetes Study. For further information contact the American Diabetes Association, Arizona Affiliate, Inc., 2328 West Royal Palm